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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: NATIONAL FISHERMEN'S STRIKE

1. ACCORDING TO TRAN QUOC BUU, THE CVT ARRANGED A NATIONAL STRIKE OF CVT FISHERMEN TO FOCUS THE GVN'S ATTENTION ON THE PLIGHT OF FISHERMEN AND THE HIGH PRICE OF DIESEL OIL REQUIRED FOR THEIR BOATS. THE STRIKE STARTED MARCH 6 AND WILL RUN TO MARCH 11. EIGHTEEN PROVINCES ARE INVOLVED AND BUU CLAIMS HE HAS RECEIVED TELEGRAMS FROM "ALL OVER THAT THE STRIKE IS 90 PER CENT EFFECTIVE".

2. PRIME MINISTER KHEIM ASKED BUU TO MEET WITH HIM SATURDAY, MARCH 9, AT 11 A.M., TO DISCUSS A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. BUU IS OPTIMISTIC THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WILL SOMEHOW FIND A WAY TO REDUCE THE COST OF DIESEL OIL.

3. THE CVT HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IS ADORNED WITH BANNERS PROCLAIMING SUPPORT FOR THE FISHERMEN. THE SAME THING WAS DONE
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A MONTH AGO FOR THE TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION. BUU SAID THE

GVN DID NOTHING FOR THE TRANSPORT WORKERS BECAUSE THEY COULD AND DID PASS ON THE INCREASED PRICE OF POL TO THE CONSUMER. THE FISHING INDUSTRY IS QUITE DIFFERENT: IF THE PRICE OF FISH IS TOO HIGH THE CONSUMER WILL NOT BUY. ALSO, THE CONTROLS ON A PRICE REDUCTION FOR FISHERMEN ARE EASIER BECAUSE ALL FISHING BOATS ARE REGISTERED AND LICENSED AS FISHING JUNKS.

4. THE STRIKING FISHERMEN IN ADDITION WANT THE GVN TO REDUCE AND SIMPLIFY ALL OTHER TAXES; REMOVE "OFF LIMIT" AREAS AND REDUCE CURFEW TIME ON FISHING AREAS; PROHIBIT THE USE OF DYNAMITE AND OTHER EXPLOSIVES TO KILL FISH; SUPPORT FISHERMEN'S COOPERATIVES; AND INCREASE LOANS TO FISHERMEN TO PROTECT THEM FROM EXPLOITATION BY MIDDLEMEN.

5. COMMENT: SINCE THIS STRIKE HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE PROVINCE CHIEF IN EACH OF 18 PROVINCE, IT APPEARS THAT TRAN QUOC BUU AND THE GVN HAVE ARRANGED SOMETHING THEY BOTH WANT. ALTHOUGH THE DEMONSTRATION IS INTENDED TO BE PEACEFUL, IT IS STILL A VIOLATION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE LAW WHICH PROHIBITS STRIKES AND PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS. THE MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY HAS UNDER STUDY A PLAN TO REDUCE THE PRICE OF DIESEL FUEL AND TO COMPENSATE BY RAISING THE PRICE OF OTHER POL PRODUCTS.
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